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**CHIANG RECEIVES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FROM
LA COUNTY BAR TAXATION LAW SECTION**

John Chiang, Chair of the State Board of Equalization, received the 2006 Award for Excellence by a Government Official from the Taxation Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Chiang was selected for his work promoting fair tax policies and his ongoing efforts to reach out to taxpayers across California through seminars, speeches, and educational events. The award was presented at a February 7 ceremony in Los Angeles.

First elected to the Board in 1998, Chiang represents the BOE's 4th District, which includes 73 cities in Los Angeles County and more than 8.5 million people. Chiang was elected to his first term as Fourth District Member on the State Board of Equalization in 1998, and re-elected in 2002. He was named Chair of the Board in December 2004. He also presided as Chair in 2002.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

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